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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT INCIDENT REPORT - N6258B

REF: MEXICO'S CONSULAR CIRC. 9, DTD 4/05/76 AND ANNEX B

1. N-6258B.
2. 608E-666-10.
3. AERO COMMANDER 680E, 7 PASSENGER, TWIN ENGINE, 1958 MODEL.
4. WHITE, TWO-TONE BLUE STRIPE ON FUSELAGE, 3 BLUE STRIPES ON TAIL, NO. 6258B IN BLACK ON FUSELAGE.
5. UNKNOWN.
6. OWNER CLAIMS TO BE ATLAS AIRCRAFT CO., 2611 E. SPRING ST., LONG BEACH, CA. TEL: (213) 595-4424. HOWEVER, EVIDENCE HAS BEEN SEEN INDICATING THAT ON DECEMBER 13, 1977 PILOT ALVARO PELAEZ ACCEPTED DELIVERY OF THE PLANE FOR PURCHASER GILBERTO HURTADO, P.O. BOX 523983, MIAMI, FLORIDA, 33152 AND TITLE IS IN HIS NAME. BEN W. WIDTFELDT, PRESIDENT OF ATLAS, STATED HE MADE SALE BUT DID NOT FILE PAPERWORK AND THAT HE, THEREFORE, IS STILL THE OWNER. HURTADO PAID FOR AIRCRAFT WITH LETTER OF CREDIT ON COLOMBIAN BANK FOR 44,000 DOLLARS.
7. AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
8. ABANDONED TEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF CULIACAN ON 2/14/78.

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9. FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
10. ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO COUNTRY AND MARIHUAHA, QUANTITY UNKNOWN, FOUND ON AIRCRAFT.
11. CULIACAN AIRPORT.
12. UNKNOWN.
13. UNKNOWN.
14. WIDTFELDT, REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS OWNER OF AIRCRAFT,

VISITED CONSULATE ON MARCH 7 AND 8 FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERY. CONSUL CONTACTED FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CULIACAN TO DETERMINE REASON FOR DETENTION AND ENTITY HAVING JURISDICTION AND INFORMED WIDFELDT ACCORDINGLY. CONSUL REVIEWED DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY WIDFELDT AND INFORMED HIM THAT HE MUST HAVE BILL OF SALE IN HIS NAME BEFORE HE CAN CLAIM AIRFCRAFT UNDER TREATY. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TO CULIACAN AND HAD SEEN AIRCRAFT BUT HAD NOT CALLED ON FEDERAL DA BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN ADVISED TO BEGIN WITH THE CONSULATE. AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY NOT DAMAGED AND WAS FLOWN FROM LOCATION IN WHICH ABANDONED TO CULIACAN.

15. CONSULATE FIRST AWARE OF PRESENCE OF AIRCRAFT IN SINALOA WHEN WIDTFELDT CALLED AT CONSULATE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING AIRCRAFT. THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER WIDFELDT IS PRESENT OWNER OF AIRCRAFT, AS BILL OF SALE IS IN NAME OF GILBERTO HURTADO, WHOSE PILOT ACKNOWLEDGED IN DECEMBER 1977 HAVING ACCEPTED DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT FROM WIDTFELDT. BEFORE CONSUL LENDS ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERY OF PLANE, OWNERSHIP QUESTION MUST BE RESOLVED AND PROPER DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.

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